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1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request each city, parish, and other local public school board to select a high

3 school student from its school district to serve as a student representative on the

4 school board in an informative, advisory, and nonvoting capacity.

5 WHEREAS, the Constitution of Louisiana provides that the goal of the public

6 educational system is "to provide learning environments and experiences, at all stages of

7 human development, that are humane, just, and designed to promote excellence in order that

8 every individual may be afforded an equal opportunity to develop to his full potential"; and

9 WHEREAS, providing students with civic learning environments in high school will

10 afford them the opportunity to develop to their full potential as active citizens in a

11 representative democracy; and

12 WHEREAS, while civic engagement by young people serves to enhance and make

13 communities in Louisiana stronger as those young people grow to be informed citizens, civic

14 participation as student representatives to local school boards will allow young people to

15 develop strong life skills through interaction with policymakers while representing their

16 peers in a manner that will influence local policies that reflect the needs and attitudes of the

17 next generation; and

18 WHEREAS, young people will be empowered with direct representation and

19 provided an opportunity to experience the district decisionmaking process on issues that

20 affect their learning environments; and

1 WHEREAS, creating an opportunity for a meaningful dialogue between school board
2 members and students in the school district will foster regular feedback from the young
3 people who are directly impacted by school board policy; and

4 WHEREAS, experiential learning through youth engagement at the local school
5 board level will allow the leaders of tomorrow to learn first-hand from the leaders of today.

6 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
7 urge and request each city, parish, and other local public school board to select a high school
8 student from its school district to serve as a student representative on the school board in an
9 informative, advisory, and nonvoting capacity.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any decision to include such student
11 representation shall be made by each city, parish, and other local public school board and
12 based on selection criteria determined by the respective board.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
14 Louisiana School Boards Association.

DIGEST

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Requests each city, parish, and other local public school board to include student representation on the board by selecting a high school student from its school district to serve in an advisory, nonvoting capacity. Provides that the decision to include such student representation shall be made by each board and that selection shall be based on criteria determined by the respective board.